

## IC Finance Council Minutes

February 4, 2016

Present: Gene Heying, Steve Frost, Justin Trainor, Dawn Swehla, Joel Meyer, Fr. Jim, & Cindy Jacob

Absent: Dave Hennessey, Dee Youngblut & Board of Education Representative

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with a prayer for the homeless.

I. Approval of Minutes: Gene Heying motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Joel Meyer. Motion carried.

II. Approval of Finance Statements: Steve Frost motioned to approve the Finance Statements and seconded by Gene Heying. Motion carried.

### III. Building & Grounds:

A. Drainage on the corner: The city of Sumner missed the contracts to get anything done.

B. Religious Education Center: Fundraising for the RE building is up to \$367,000 which is \$22,000 from the targeted goal. Fr. Jim, Deanna and Cindy Jacob have been busy working on a new accounting system that will allow us to get a coupon book out to the monthly donors. These books will be just like a car payment book showing what the parishioner's monthly payment is as well as the balance they have left of their pledge. The quarterly donor will receive a coupon each quarter showing their quarterly payment and also what their balance is of what they have pledged. Fr. Jim & Mike Joebgen went to the city and were given a building permit for the new RE building. They will go to the archdiocese on March 9th and then the letting of the bids will begin. It was brought up that we need to get it out to the parishioners that the garage will be put up for sale, this being done through sealed bids. The garage will be sold to the highest bidder. There was concern about the need to discuss the moving of the garage with the individuals that are interested in purchasing the garage. There was some concern about the fact of the time frame of moving the garage and what's all involved with the moving of the building, permits and etc. There was also a discussion about talking to Black Hills Energy concerning moving the gas lines prior to the demolition of the old building.

### IV. Cluster Reports:

A. Cluster Pastoral Council: A trip to the basilica in Dubuque, the cathedral in Dyersville and having supper at Breitbach's in Balltown was discussed and it seems as though the trip is going to take place. The trip is scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 13th.

B. Faith Formation: Wrapped up NCYC with a Stockholder's Breakfast at each parish. Fr. talked about how he would like to see the newly confirmed students be involved and be a part of our Masses by being a Eucharistic Minister. There was concern about the need of doing a new parish survey for Eucharistic Ministers in order to get more parish members involved. It was shared that some parish members wouldn't come forward to ask to be a minister but if they were asked they would be happy to help out. Fr. also told that it was Immaculate Conception Parish's turn to do the Caring & Sharing this year. First Cluster Reconciliation was held at IC and was said to have went really well.

C. Cluster Finance: No meeting held due to bad weather.

### V. Parish Life:

A. Fish Fry – Cindy Jacob explained that everything was ready for the Fish Fry to take place and that she had been communicating with Dave Wheeler and everything on Dave's end was ready also. She also reported that parishioners have done a great job at volunteering and the sheets on the bulletin board were pretty well filled up both for the workers as well as the food to be donated.

## VI. New Business:

- A. Data Reports: Fr. Jim explained the Data Report. It was reported that there were a few less parishioners but the parish was holding strong and have had some improvements in some areas. There have been more marriages and we have 3 new members.
- B. Parish Elections: Parish Elections will take place in May.
- C. Parish Budgets: The Parish budget will be set in May.
- D. Feedback from the Archbishop: Gene Heying was present at the meeting in Calmar with the Archbishop and he said that he felt that the Bishop was very compassionate and gave a good message about what his visions were. Fr. explained that in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting the bishop talked about his visions and he feels as though the next meeting will be more feedback from the people.

VII. Old Business: The question was asked about the 5:05 pm Mass on Saturday night. Fr. explained that the Mass was going to continue and that the music has been well received.

Joel Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Gene Heying. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm with a Hail Mary. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm in Kleiner Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Jacob

## Progress on New Building – 2/17/16

- So far \$371,680 has been pledged or given. Our initial goal was \$390,000. 43 families have not yet been heard from. If we raised \$95,000 more the need to take out a \$75,000 loan will be eliminated.
- A sealed bid auction has been set up for the garage, furnace, and water heater. Contact Mike Joebgen if you are interested in making a bid.
- A reclamation company has been contacted to see if there is anything in the building they might salvage and if so for how much.
- The Building Committee met with the project's architect and chief engineer to review the HVAC and electrical requirements. Target date to end the buildings usage is April 1. Plans are afoot to contact utility companies to terminate service.
- On March 9 representatives of the Building Committee will meet with the Archdiocesan Building Commission for approval of Architectural Drawings. If approved bid letting will commence.